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SUBJECT: VOLAG - FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 960

1. APPRECIATE UPDATE CONTAINED REFTEL AS WELL EMBASSY
INTEREST AND ASSISTANCE FFH AS FIRST US VOLAG TO CONCEN-
TRATE EMPHASIS MAURITANIAN NEEDS.

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2. PER PARA 4 REFTEL: FFH IN FINAL STAGES PREPARATION

SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION FOR APPLICATION AS REQUIRED FOR
CONSIDERATION OF REGISTRATION BY AID'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON VOLUNTARY FOREIGN AID.

3. REGISTRATION ONLY PERMITS VOLAGS PARTICIPATE IN AID-SUPPORTED OVERSEAS FREIGHT REIMBURSEMENT, PL 480 AND EXCESS PROPERTY PROGRAMS WHICH GOVERNED BY AID REGULATIONS. ALBEIT, ELIGIBILITY FOR THESE THREE SUBVENTIONS ARE ONLY DISTINCTIONS USG MAKES BETWEEN VOLAGS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE REGISTRATION PROCESS AND THOSE WHO DO NOT APPLY OR DO NOT QUALIFY. IN SHORT, EMBASSY RELATIONS WITH FFH OR ANY OTHER VOLAG SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE CONDITIONED BY VOLAG'S REGISTRATION OR LACK THEREOF.

4. NOR DOES REGISTRATION OBLIGATE OR OTHERWISE MAKE MISSIONS LIABLE FOR VOLAG CONDUCT. LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY OF

FFH AS WITH ANY OTHER PRIVATE ORGANIZATION DEPENDS UPON AGREEMENT BETWEEN PRIVATE ORGANIZATION, USG, HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS CONCERNED AND LAWS/REGULATIONS INVOLVED IN EACH CASE. FFH HAS NO AGREEMENT INVOLVING USG, THUS EMBASSY NOT LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR FFH ACTIONS. SHOULD FFH ENTER AGREEMENT INVOLVING USG, SUCH AS SELF-HELP OR R/R ACTIVITY IN MAURITANIA, THE AGREEMENT WOULD SPELL OUT LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES. THUS FAR, FFH HAS NO PROGRAM INVOLVING USG ASSISTANCE IN MAURITANIA, OR ELSEWHERE TO OUR KNOWLEDGE.

5. FFH CLEARLY ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITIES AND YOUR REPORT OF ARRANGEMENTS WITH MINHEALTH CORROBORATES OUR INFORMATION. FFH SEEMS EAGER TO DO EVERYTHING RIGHT, AND WOULD HOPE EMBASSY CONTINUES EXTENSION COURTESIES AND CONTACT WITH FFH TO ENSURE THINGS ARE ON TRACK. AS FIRST VOLAG TO ATTEMPT SUCH RELATIONSHIP WITH MAURITANIA, WOULD ASSUME FFH OPERATIONS WILL CONDITION MAURITANIANS REGARDING FUTURE OVERTURES FROM OTHER AGENCIES.

6. FYI: ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO FURTHER WORD FROM INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICES, WE REALIZE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES CONSIDERING EXPANDING FROM RELIEF AID THRU CARI-UNCLASSIFIED

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TAS TO MORE INDEPENDENT DEVELOPMENT AID FOR MAURITANIA. ASSUME CRS REP DAKAR AS MORE UPDATED INFO ON THIS. ADO/DAKAR MAY WISH COMMUNICATE SUCH INFO NOUAKCHOTT AND AID/W. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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